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Man attacks Miriam's director

Other homeless restrain assailant, help injured woman

by Kati Gazella

Managing Editor

The director of Miriam's Kitchen was attacked by a homeless man last month and is now recovering and undergoing therapy, the program's interim director said.

Jeffrey Piriz, a homeless man who frequents the local soup kitchen, was charged with assault for beating Anna Proctor over the head with a metal pipe

on June 29. Other homeless men restrained Piriz and helped Proctor, whose skull was partially crushed by the blow, said Jeff Rickert, an interim director of Miriam's.

Proctor, 29, who has directed the kitchen for four years and will return in a few months, had called mental health officials about Piriz four times prior to the attack, Rickert said. He said Proctor was concerned about Piriz because of

his potential to become violent. But the calls were "ignored" by D.C. mental health officials, he said.

Piriz, 36, was arraigned earlier this month and awaits trial. Police charged him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Officials of the Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Ave., which operates the breakfast kitchen, have tried to ease community fears about the incident. But some Foggy Bottom residents said the attack confirms their worst fears.

It was "inevitable," Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Ramona Lauda said. "We have been telling every agency of the District that we could get to listen that this was going to happen," she said.

ANC-2A commissioners opposed Miriam's move from the beginning, arguing that it would bring more homeless people into the neighborhood and would increase violence in Foggy Bottom.

But Miriam's is more the solution than the problem, Rickert said.

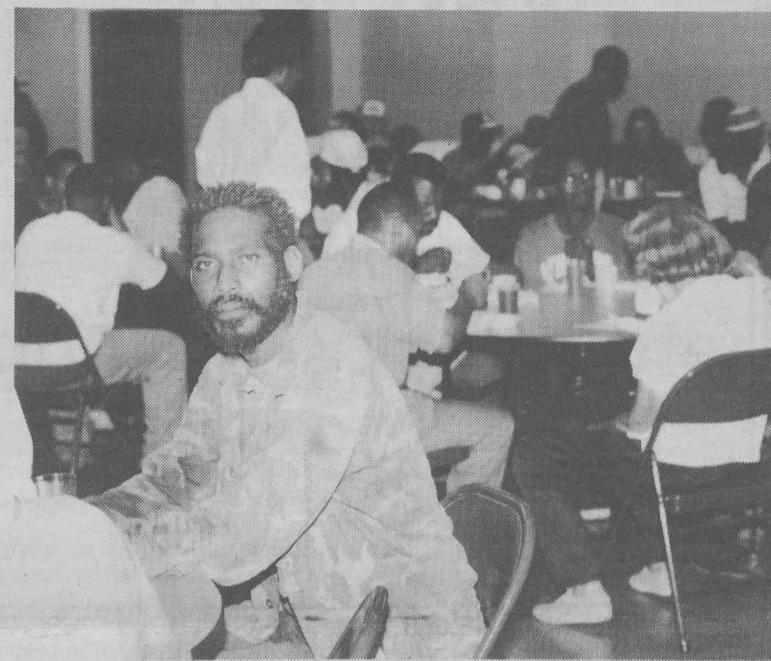
"Homelessness is a District-wide problem," he said. "People who are fighting us should instead fight homelessness."

The church has made every effort to reassure the community that this was an

isolated incident not caused by Miriam's location in the neighborhood, said Terry Hufford, chief lay leader of the church.

"We notified the neighbors immediately of what had happened," Hufford said. The church also has held emergency meetings to discuss added security measures at Miriam's, where a

photo by Abdul El-Tayef



Miriam's Kitchen serves breakfast to 150 homeless people every weekday.

Community members question police captain on safety issues

by Douglas Parker

Asst. News Editor

Members of the community voiced their concerns about the area's homeless at a packed Advisory Neighborhood Commission-2A meeting Thursday.

In the wake of the beating of Miriam's Kitchen Director Anna Proctor by a homeless patron, Foggy Bottom residents fired questions about safety at Metropolitan Police Capt. Ross Swope. Swope regularly gives crime statistics and addresses community questions at the meetings.

ANC Commissioner Ramona Lauda summed the audience's fear. "Captain, we're right on the edge of leaving the city," she said. "People are scared to leave their homes in the morning. Can something done about the homeless?"

Swope explained that many of the measures he used to discourage homeless people from living in the area have been halted for legal reasons. For example, he only can issue tickets instead of arresting vagrants, Swope said.

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Statesmen pass on political wisdom

Well-known names turn to teaching to supplement their careers

by Elissa Leibowitz

Editor in Chief

Lowell Weicker Jr. says he does not want to be a politician forever.

That realization made Weicker, the governor of Connecticut, see teaching as the logical follow-up to his 30 years in politics.

When his lease is up on the governor's mansion in Hartford in January, Weicker, a former congressman and the first independent governor of the New England state, will return to GW to teach political science and public policy.

"I knew whatever I did, I wanted to keep my hand in teaching," said Weicker, a one-time GW congressional professor. "Thirty years (in politics) is enough."

Weicker is just one person on a growing list of well-known professionals who have turned their careers from politics to teaching. Next year's lineup at GW also includes former U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), former presidential hopeful George McGovern, former Israeli foreign minister Abba Eban and former Guyanese Ambassador Cedric Grant.

Many non-educators turn to

academia to supplement their life's work or to take a new turn in life, said Linda Salomon, dean of the Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

"They do it because they love the idea of passing on what they have learned to the young," she said.

Weicker agreed, saying that he enjoys helping students develop minds for politics. "I get my greatest kick out of being with minds that are in the process of being generated," he said.

But having these people as professors goes beyond their public accomplishments, said Nathan Brown, associate dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs. Many of these minds are experts in political science, business or diplomacy, with years of practical experience and knowledge.

"What generally happens is students are star struck for the first few weeks of classes. After that they look to see if they are getting their money worth," Brown said.

GW has attracted many politicians since 1989 when Stephen Joel Trachtenberg became president. Former Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-La.) and Weicker were



"Thirty years (in politics) is enough." Lowell Weicker Jr. both Congressional Professors, the title McGovern holds next year. The Baker Adjunct Professorship, which Grant will hold next year, was established in 1969, long before Trachtenberg.

(See TEACHING, p. 7)

Dining Services juggles off-campus eating options

by Douglas Parker

Asst. News Editor

Dining Services has shuffled its off-campus dining vendors once again. Students will no longer be able to use their meal cards at T.G.I. Friday's or the World Gourmet Deli. Mick's, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., has been added to the meal plan in place of Friday's, said Dining Services General Manager George Cushman.

Contracts with Friday's and World Gourmet were not renewed because of service problems, Cushman said.

Cushman said a variety of problems caused them to end their relationship with Friday's, including problems with charging students tax and slow service for students.

Friday's employees said, however, they are not the cause of students' frustrations. Jeff Yates, Friday's kitchen manager, said it was strictly ServiceMaster's fault that students were charged tax for tax-exempt items.

Yates said Friday's did not discriminate against students. "Students were in no means treated differently than if they weren't students," he said, adding that there was often a line at the card scanner creating a long wait.

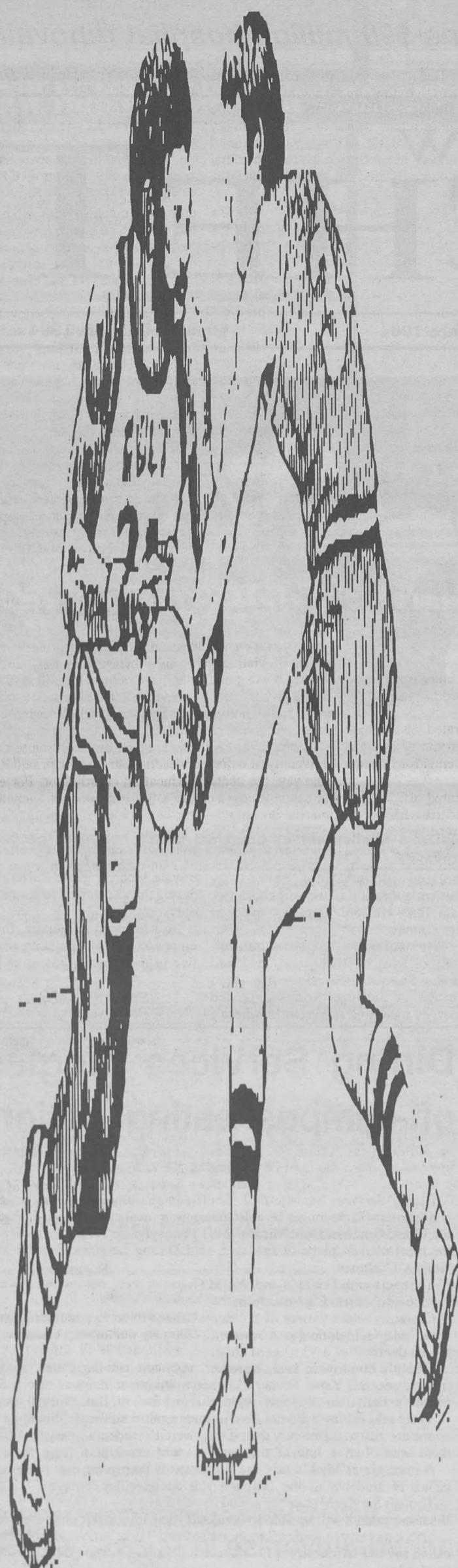
A manager at Mick's said the restaurant is taking steps to prepare for the influx of students in the fall, but she declined to comment on them.

Though ServiceMaster has ended its relationship with Friday's, it is unclear if some students will be able to break off their love affair with the restaurant.

"It's a travesty of justice," sophomore Peter Turkeltaub said. He already has called several University officials to see if Friday's could be put back on the meal plan.

Cushman said World Gourmet was taken off the meal plan because the store

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4. Vice President Gore spoke during Earth Week on the _____.
5. In 1993, comedian Sandra Bernhard shared her talents at _____.
6. GW students lent support to save _____ from controversial zoning interpretations.

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Raindrops keep falling on this Fourth of July celebrator, who cools off under a sprinkler on Constitution Avenue.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fire sparks code concerns

A fire in the third floor trash room of Mitchell Hall sparked concern about the fire alarm system in the building.

Fire department Lt. Robert Barry said an item on fire was dropped into a trash can, emitting fumes that should have set off the smoke alarm Saturday around 10:45 a.m. He said the smoke alarm was not connected to the interior alarm, which would have set off the building's fire alarm and notified residents.

He said a resident put out the fire with a fire extinguisher.

Barry said code violations could result in fines.

LeNorman Strong, executive director of the Office of Campus Life, said the fire alarms are tested at least once a month.

This is the second fire in Mitchell in the past month.

You light up my life

Four powerful lights now illuminate the University Yard to increase student safety.

Student Association Executive Vice President Scott Slifka is working with the University to install more lights on campus. He said he hopes to create "safe passages," corridors through the campus with heavy student traffic where lighting is adequate.

Before the lights were installed on the University Yard, the light on the quad was rated at 1 foot candle, which is a unit of measure for light that is equal to the brightness of a candle a foot away. Standard security lighting is 4 foot candles.

Associate vice president resigns

Scott Cole, associate vice president for business, resigned from his position this month.

Vice President and Treasurer Lou Katz said Cole was moving to Arizona to be closer to his family.

Cole had worked at the University for about two years. Administrators are searching to find a replacement.

Study abroad program may expand

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg met with the presidents of several South American universities last week to discuss study abroad options for GW students.

Trachtenberg, who was in South America for a meeting of the International Association of University Presidents, met with education officials in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo, Uruguay.

He mentioned la Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires as a potential exchange school because of its law and medical schools and its prime spot in the heart of the city.

He also met with GW graduates in Argentina to discuss setting up an alumni association there.

-from staff reports

GW to add outpatient clinic

Medical Center plans \$90 million hospital renovations

by Elissa Leibowitz
Editor in Chief

The Board of Trustees last month approved a multi-million dollar expansion project for the GW Medical Center that would see renovations to the GW Hospital, a new outpatient clinic and an improved emergency room.

The plans, unanimously approved during a board retreat in June, include eliminating half the hospital's beds, improving the operating room and building an outpatient clinic on 23rd Street.

Early cost estimates peg the four-year project at \$90 million, most of which will come from University fund raising.

"The community will be assured of a superb academic medical center with a hospital that is sized for today's procedures and that is comfortable and safe," Roger Meyer, vice president for medical affairs, said in a statement.

The 49-year-old hospital has not undergone any major renovations since it opened in 1945. This year's plans have been slated for nearly a decade, Meyer said.

The majority of the project's costs stem from the outpatient clinic. The new building would be constructed on the site of a parking lot next to the Foggy Bottom Metro station. Underground parking, connected to the main hospital building by a tunnel, would replace the lot.

Separating in- and outpatient services also would free space elsewhere in the hospital. Operating rooms would be expanded and bathrooms would be added to all inpatient rooms. Many of the rooms housing the hospital's 500 beds do not have bathrooms and showers.

"Sometimes five people have to share one bathroom down the hall," medical center spokeswoman Kelly Locker said. "When you're in a hospital, that's very inconvenient."

The Board of Trustees approved eliminating 250 of the beds because they are seldom used.

Locker said fewer people now undergo surgeries involving overnight or longer stays at hospitals, eliminating the need for surplus rooms.

"Surgeries have gotten so advanced

that you don't need to be in the hospital as long," she said.

The department of emergency medicine also would expand to meet the growing needs of District residents. GW has the second busiest adult emergency room in the city, trailing D.C. General.

Medical center officials said the proposal coincides with a District task force report on health care reform. The report calls for fewer inpatient beds in the District and for a restructuring of health care that will meet needs into the 21st century.

GW will pay for the renovations and additions through a new fund-raising campaign and through University revenue. The plans have not received any federal funding, which Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), a GW alumnus, attempted to pass through legislation in Congress last October.

There will be no staff cuts, and more health professionals may be hired for the outpatient clinic, Locker said.

Architects and engineers will draw up final plans which must be approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Hospital adopts poison center

by Douglas Parker
Asst. News Editor

GW saved the District's poison control center from elimination after Georgetown University dropped the facility for its unstable finances.

The GW Medical Center on July 1 integrated the National Capital Poison Center with its emergency room operations. Georgetown University had sponsored the center for 14 years but let it go in the past year.

The poison center will move from its rented office space near American University to the Medical Center when office space becomes available. The center will receive academic and administrative support from GW.

With its \$1.2 million annual budget from local governments and private contributors, the center's long-term monetary stability was impossible, some officials said. Mark Smith, chairman of the department of emergency medicine, said the center would have closed without help from GW.

"It really was a rescue operation," he said. "We really saved this terrific resource."

Smith said the center's greatest asset is heading off

emergencies on the phone rather than in the emergency room, which alleviates strains on overburdened hospital facilities. He said the center also helps to reduce overall medical costs.

The poison center receives 30,000 emergency calls a year and 15,000 non-emergency calls, which usually involve questions about chemicals.

Although the center will not get financial support from the University, it will receive administrative help, said Rose Ann Soloway, the center's education coordinator. For example, the center is now a part of GW's mail system, even though its interim housing is near American University.

The University will help the center find a stable source of funding and provide advice on reducing costs, Smith said. He cited a poison control center in Texas that has a phone surcharge to support the operation.

Smith also said the poison center will benefit the medical center as a "tremendous" resource of toxicology experts and a place for medical students to gain experience.

The center serves the District and parts of Virginia and Maryland. The National Capital Poison Center is open 24 hours a day and can be reached at (202) 625-3333.

CRIME LOG

The following crimes were reported to University Police between June 22 and July 13:

Thefts / Break-Ins

- 21st and H streets, June 24. A GW employee reported the theft of his \$2,600 motorcycle from Parking Lot M.

- Academic Center, July 8. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$1,600 pay telephone containing \$200 in coins from the third floor.

- Academic Center, July 6. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$1,000 computer from the fourth floor.

- Academic Center, June 30. A GW employee reported the theft of her purse containing \$125 and credit cards from her office on the fifth floor.

- Academic Center, June 27. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$2,800 computer from the fourth floor.

- Adams Hall, July 11. A resident reported the theft of a \$200 telephone

from the office.

- Bell Hall, June 22. An employee reported the theft of his \$80 briefcase from his office.

- Building TT, July 7. A GW employee reported the theft of two laptop computers — valued at a total of \$3,400.

- Burns Law Library, July 13. A GW student reported the theft of his bicycle from the rear of the building.

- Marvin Center, June 23. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet containing \$25 and credit cards from the first floor.

- Mitchell Hall, June 29. A resident reported the theft of a \$350 gold chain from his third floor room. There were no signs of forced entry.

- Munson Hall, July 11. A resident reported the theft of \$20 from her room. There were no signs of forced entry.

- Riverside Towers, June 22. A resident reported the theft of a class ring and a gold chain — valued at a total of

\$1,030 — from her seventh floor room.

- Smith Center, June 24. A GW student reported the theft of his backpack — containing six compact discs and headphones valued at a total of \$150 — from a locker in the main gym.

- Smith Center, June 24. A GW student reported the theft of a \$150 watch from his locker in the men's locker room.

Harassment

- Milton Hall, June 30. A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown person.

- Mitchell Hall, July 11. A resident reported receiving a telephone call from an unknown man.

- Mitchell Hall, July 9. A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown man.

- Mitchell Hall, July 7. A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown man.

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Take a risk

It is a sad commentary on the nation's capital that people who try to assist others keep getting knocked down. And it is even more troublesome that there are people who would rather criticize these efforts than spend their time focusing on the bigger picture.

The unfortunate attack of Miriam's Kitchen Director Anna Proctor by a homeless patron has become an episode of finger-pointing, head shaking and "I told you so's" by community leaders. Since the feeding program moved with the Western Presbyterian Church in May, it seems city officials have been waiting for something like this to happen — waiting for something to let them rant about how Miriam's Kitchen makes Foggy Bottom so unsafe.

But as Metropolitan Police pointed out at last week's meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Miriam's has not made this part of town any more dangerous.

Still, we understand why city officials are wary of violence around the church. Yes, there are times when homeless people, classically stereotyped as dangerous troublemakers, cause problems. But certainly the number of crimes committed by the homeless do not greatly outnumber the crimes overall in Foggy Bottom.

What we cannot comprehend, however, is why the community is so quick to criticize when the District's own mental health officials ignored Anna Proctor's pleas to help the man charged for the attack. Proctor had called them four times seeking help for this man, but her inquiries simply got lost in the bureaucratic shuffle. Proctor tried, but the District would not let her succeed. So, it looks like community leaders also are guilty of the crime here.

If the church is willing to forgive and correct, the city should, too. Security at the soup kitchen has increased. Church leaders even are meeting to see if more precautions are needed. Even Proctor, from her hospital bed, asked doctors if the man who attacked her has gotten any help yet. If city officials cared that much, this incident never would have happened.

The letter church leaders wrote put it aptly: if you choose to care about the people around you, you have to put yourself at risk. The job of city officials is to care about the people here and to respond to their needs. Their job is not to ignore pleas for help. Maybe it's time for the District to risk politics as usual and help the people who live here. After all, Anna Proctor risks more than politics to help them.

Prime cut

D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly might get more homework this week, if the Senate passes a bill that could start to lift the District out of its financial morass.

The Senate Appropriations Committee and the House have met separately and have decided that it's time for the District to hold itself responsible. If a Senate bill is passed on the floor this week, the mayor would have one month to cut nearly \$100 million from the District's bloated budget.

With passage likely, this will be a gigantic assignment for the Kelly administration. The mayor has her work cut out for her, but she has brought it on herself.

No one should feel sorry for Kelly, who would have to work on this new task and run the city and campaign for reelection. She has had four years to chip away at wasted expenditures in this city. She could have taken on this task incrementally from the start of her term, and, in fact, the City Council and District voters should have mandated it. Regardless of what she already has done to downsize spending, waiting for Congress to point the way is irresponsible politicking.

Blaming the problems on past administrations is pointless now. Mending the budget is a gargantuan task, and it needs to get done. It would be idealistic to expect her mayoral competitors, John Ray and Marion Barry, to pitch in, but to do so could be political suicide for them.

For now, this is Mayor Kelly's problem. Whoever is elected mayor in November should learn a valuable lesson from her mistakes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

False assumption

I was disappointed to read your editorial "Easy Way Out" (The GW Hatchet, p. 4, June 27).

As a 1984 graduate of GW, I can understand the temptation to think that a college graduate "has it made" and should be able to coast smoothly through the real world. I know all too well, however, that that's not always the case.

My post-graduate life has had many ups and downs. Currently, I am a freelance political consultant and struggling to pay off the last of my student loans. My monthly payments are considerably lower than what today's grads have to face.

President Clinton's plans for redesigning the student loan program allow grads to pay back loans based upon a percentage of their income. In other words, monthly payments go up and down according to a grad's income. The plan makes it easier for recent grads to take low-paying, entry-level jobs or to choose on a couple of occasions between paying student loans or getting health insurance.

Students shouldn't assume that they will always be able to "plan financially" as The Hatchet's editorial suggests they should. President Clinton understands this. You may not thank him for this today, but someday you just might. Trust me. I've been there. In fact, I'm still there.

-Mitchell Polman

Lighted path

Ever since I arrived at GW, our Student Association has talked about lighting on the University Yard. I

remember during Mike Musante's term, every week another member of his administration was telling us how we needed better campus lighting. Well, it seems someone has finally done something about it.

SA Executive Vice President Scott Slifka wrote a campus lighting initiative detailing the problems we, as a University, face with regard to campus lighting and safety.

I had talked to Slifka about lights on the quad, which were in place but were not turned on. He told me that they would make a difference. So, having heard from him that the lights had been lit, I decided to see what the quad was like. Remarkably, it was much lighter. The new flood lights on the sides of Bell and Lisner halls did the job, providing better lighting in the middle of the quad and along the path by Corcoran Hall. Also, new lights had been put in, a process that will continue.

The quad has been a place to avoid at night in the past. We all know of the muggings and other crimes that have occurred on the quad, but the fact is that the quad has become a necessary part of campus travel. Over the past years, with more freshmen living in Adams Hall

wishing to get to Thurston and the introduction of the 24-hour Mitchell Hall cafeteria, it was about time that we sought to make the quad a safer place.

The SA's efforts to make this campus safe have not stopped here, though. Recently, Slifka and I drafted a proposal to create what are known as "safe (lighting) pathways." Through a combination of lighting initiatives and education, we could steer the student population into these specially lit paths. Route maps and educational pamphlets would be used to get the word out, as would pre-existing programs, such as Colonial Inauguration and the Freshmen Advising Workshops.

I do not write this as a member of the Student Association Cabinet. I write this as a student who has seen an improvement on campus go unnoticed.

The work Scott Slifka has done here is to be commended.

-Matthew Palasek,
vice president
of undergraduate student policy

Clarification

The chart "1993-94 Crime Wrap-up" on the front page of the June 27 issue of The GW Hatchet should have said that the 342 cases the University adjudicated last year were violations of the Student Code of Conduct and not total reported crimes.

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OPINION

Get a life

Debate over language clears up in the heat

"Shit, it's hot."

There is considerable debate in academia over the ability of language to accurately communicate the true meaning of an idea or experience. Just as meaning can be lost in translation from one language to another, so too can there be a disconnect within one language between a speaker's thoughts and what an audience absorbs.

Be that as it may, I would argue that the above proclamation, so sincerely expressed to me by a member of the GW housekeeping staff, comes as close as language can get to accuracy, specifically in describing Washington's weather.

A less precise, though no less factual, feeling for exactly how hot it's getting can be seen in the following personal account.

Lately, I have been sweating so much that I'm starting to smell like beef teriyaki. It is a condition of considerable distress to me, as I am a vegetarian. As a result, I have been forced to come up with new ways to keep cool this summer.

Here at GW one of the best places to cool off is the fourth floor of Corcoran hall — also known as GW's pre-med graveyard.

It is a secret well guarded by members of IUPAC, the International Union of Poor and Abject Chemists, that the organic chemistry laboratory is one of the best places to keep cool.

Such was the case, I recently discovered, when I performed a simple experiment requiring "heating under reflux." That's a fancy-shmancy way of saying you heat up your chemicals while continuously cooling down the boiling vapors with hoses of cold, circulating water.

No sooner had I set up my apparatus than a contingent of Japanese tourists appeared in the lab. (They obviously had made a wrong turn at the Lincoln Memorial.) The sightseers began photographing the lab equipment with as much enthusiasm as American tourists in Japan would employ to look for the nearest McDonalds.

In a goodwill gesture to our foreign guests, I decided to pose for their cameras and promptly knocked over my equipment. As a torrent of water spilled over my bench top, my lab professor hastily ushered the tourists from the room.

I immediately grabbed the end of the hose and staid the flood. But my exalted feeling of grace under pressure did not last long when I realized the stopped hose was under even greater pressure. Still connected to an open faucet, my quarter inch tube suddenly ballooned into a giant water sausage of equine proportions. Realizing the hose might explode, I instinctively released the business end.

Never before in the history of the republic has more water issued forth in one place and time, except possibly in the Capitol men's room after a midnight filibuster.

When lo! as on the lofty heights of Mount Erebus, the icy winds blow down faster than Al Cowling on Sunset Boulevard, so then did the watery hose rise up and make known its wrath upon the chemists below. In other words, I soaked myself, my lab instructor, the lecture instructor and four people at the bench a good 10 feet behind me.

After the water was finally turned off, a general calm ensued in the laboratory. People slowly looked up from behind their benches, counted their fingers and wondered how I ever got admitted to this University.

Undaunted, I began to mop the floor, knowing I had achieved a feat few undergraduates have accomplished. You see, I had managed to make two Chemistry PhDs look wet behind the ears.

The Japanese tourists, needless to say, were not to be heard from again. A well-placed source, however, has it on good account that they were on the next plane back to Tokyo and are, at this very minute, adamantly lobbying Prime Minister Murayama for a renewed trade embargo against all American scientific exports.

My chemistry instructors, on the other hand, were so grateful for the cooling off that they offered me an endowed fellowship to repeat the experiment whenever the mercury rises above 32 degrees Celsius.

After hearing my story, my janitor friend said he still prefers his way of explaining how hot it is. And I am inclined to agree. Shit it's hot.

-Rob Ganz

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And another thing . . .

World Cup frenzy sweeps up America

Well, Copa Mundial is over. Now we can have our country back.

Seriously, what other sport has ever so completely usurped an otherwise sovereign nation? Liz Taylor could put up every in-law she's ever had and wouldn't be hosting on a similar scale.

Only the Olympic games have a comparable impact. Imagine a planning meeting in a former Olympic host city: "For our next agenda item, Commissioner Schmeck will report on the cyclodrome conversion project." At least the Olympics is contained to one city.

Here in the District — one of nine Cup sites — we had something like 78,000 Dutch running around with huge foam clogs on their heads and cheering for the orange line Metro (yeah, orange is their national color, as their wardrobes, but not their country's flag, can attest). And we had to be nice to them.

The promise of tourism revenue was just one component of the national conspiracy to get Americans to embrace the World's Cup. What, you doubt there was a conspiracy? Keep reading.

Exhibit A: The media, where nine out of 10 World Cup references included the phrases, "action-packed," "compelling drama" and "better than 'Cats.'" The only public Cup-bashers were sports writers whining that the sport is too slow for an American viewing audience.

Too slow? In a country with baseball as its national pastime? Nothing above Major League Gardening is too slow.

Exhibit B: The U.S. population, which provided a group of hyphenated-American fans to root for every team in the tournament. Diversity pays off yet again.

Exhibit C: Pele. Ever wonder why you've never seen him in the same room

as Federal Reserve boss Alan Greenspan? It's just like that Superman-Clark Kent deal. Not a coincidence, people.

And the conspiracy worked. The Cup earned Roots-like Nielsen ratings, with roughly 700 billion Americans watching the finals.

And not only did we watch, we talked about the matches like we knew what the terms meant: "Did you see him mark that striker?" "They work the offside trap as well as anyone!" "Sweet corner!"

Get real, folks. We all thought the sweeper did his thing *after* the game. Bonus sports trivia points if you thought it had something to do with curling.

While soccer has been popular with the kiddies in the D.C. area for years, experts now are predicting a huge increase in youth soccer participation across the country — similar to the way American kids flocked to luge after the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Somewhere a youth soccer league organizer is yelling, "GOOOOOAAAAALLLL!"

(Note to readers: if you don't have cable TV and thus don't receive the Spanish-language station, Univision, you should know the above "GOOOOOAAAAALLLL!" is yelled by an announcer after each broadcast of "Xuxa.")

Figuring this Cup would be my only chance to catch a game in person, I snaked my way into RFK earlier this season for Saudi Arabia's upset win over Belgium. Although I rooted for Belgium in gratitude for their many fine beers, the game was far from a disappointment. Everything I'd been told about the pageantry of the Cup and the passion of its fans proved true (except, of course, for the reports of banks of food vendors representing every country in the tournament. Adams Morgan Day it wasn't.)

And if any Americans feel self-righteous about the depth of that passion after the murder of Columbian player Andres Escobar, I suggest they recall what some U.S. cities experienced after their professional sports teams won championships: rioting, looting, injuries, arrests.

Anyway, Brazil won, so Pele Greenpan gets to shout "GOOOOOAAAAALLLL!" twice — once for his native country's victory and once for his home country's grace as a host.

Aw, never mind about getting our country back. Maybe Copa Mundial can keep it for a while longer.

-John Rega



IMPRESSIONS

Big screen wins with Grisham's *The Client*

by John Roslyn

The latest Warner Bros. release, suspense-thriller *The Client*, delivers a riveting, thoughtful plot and realistic characters, with sprinkles of humor on top.

Brad Renfro, new to the big screen, stars as Mark Sway, an indigent boy sneaking a smoke in the Tennessee woods with his 7-year-old brother, Ricky. The brothers happen upon a twitchy Mafia lawyer attempting suicide in his black Cadillac, with pills, alcohol, carbon monoxide and to be safe, a gun.

Mark repeatedly snatches the hose from the exhaust but is unwittingly caught by the lawyer, who throws the child into the car. Bathed in sweat, the lawyer tells the child a deadly secret and shoots himself.

Witnessing this horror, Ricky slips into a coma, a devastating blow for the boys' single mother, Dianne (Mary-Louise Parker). While waiting in the hospital lobby, Mark sees a dropped flyer of an ambulance-chasing lawyer whose slogan is "He's for real."

Befuddled by his meager tidbits of legal knowledge from television, Mark goes to the lawyer's building but thankfully happens upon Reggie Love (Susan Sarandon) instead.

Love, a recovering alcoholic who has lost custody of her two children and is just beginning to get her office off the ground, takes the case of the now-famous Mark for \$1. After

a turbulent start with Mark lying about what really happened before the suicide, they build a mutual trust and share a brief, sincere friendship.

Tommy Lee Jones is Roy Foltrigg, the FBI agent cum politician who scrambles to coerce information from young Mark about the Mafia lawyer's possible confession of the location of a murdered senator's body. He is intercepted by Love, who appreciates the Mafia difficulties that could follow a blind confession. Walking through a veritable landmine of clichés, the film emerges at the end unscathed.

At first glance, the plot seems derivative, but efforts have been made on all levels to make the film a creation unique unto itself. The children aren't your typical Hollywood cuties like Newt in *Aliens*. Rather, they are genuine and naturally endearing.

Director Joel Schumacher successfully creates a subtle sexual tension between Jones and Sarandon instead of going for a goofy, predictable love scene. While the plot does have a few glitches, all components click nicely into place. Movie buffs will appreciate the beautiful cinematography and the lusciousness of the presentation in the larger, 70mm format.

The thoughtful adaptation of the John Grisham novel to the screen by the team of Goldsmith and Getchell is coupled with a solid, talented cast to make for two hours of thrills. The verdict is high praise for *The Client*.



Mark (Brad Renfro) and Reggie Love (Susan Sarandon) in court

Caps, Christians collide in print

by Yvette Michael

Musical forms are shaped by social cultures. And social cultures conform to these patterns until there is a distraction within the society that creates the music or within the music that creates society.

Two groups — a fresh, hard-core rap entourage called Wu-Tang Clan and the gospel-inflected a cappella singing sextet, TAKE 6, — are interesting examples of this.

Wu-Tang, like better rap groups, will continue to rule both the underground current and selected radio airwaves. The album, *Enter the Wu-Tang, 36 Chambers* (RCA) is fat.

In a recent interview for MTV, the Clan spoke of searching and finding itself through its album. One could stereotype the Clan with numerous other rappers. They were born in the projects, raised in the ghetto and finally moved out of the slum. The difference,

however, is the ridiculous yet powerful mental attitude these guys have.

Their concentration on being hard and remaining hard is magnificent. There ain't no booty on this album. Instead, the beats, the rhymes and the lyrics continually illustrate their background: who they are, where they have been and what they want to achieve.

The guys from TAKE 6, on the other hand, met at a Christian college in Alabama. They produced two gospel albums and a Christmas album and then took a three-year break. Now they're back, regrouped and taking off spectac-ularly with the album *Join the Band* (Reprise).

This time, they played a cappella, adding tracks to enhance their vocals and using large bands to accompany when necessary. They chose to experiment with their gospel style, yet maintained the religious mode of the album. They invited Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder and Queen Latifah to sing on the album and worked closely with producer David Foster to create a magical marriage of sound and lyrics.

This marriage is clear on Take 6's remake of "Biggest Part of Me." Rather than worshipping a woman, the song worships God. According to band member Alvin Chea, "Whatever lent itself to making the single really sparkle is what we did."

So why would you compare Wu-Tang with TAKE 6? You shouldn't. You recognize the similarities in achieving and controlling their states of mind. Then you apply this to society.

If you disagree, you need to take a

walk down 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Southeast and listen. Out of the same ghetto alley, you are likely to hear both Wu-Tang's "C.R.E.A.M." and TAKE 6's "Biggest Part of Me" ringing loudly and clearly.

Music is powerful, and there is a reason for its many variations. Each invokes a particular response. The power within Wu-Tang and TAKE 6 is different. Wu-Tang's blood, enthusiasm and discipline is one of self.

TAKE 6 on the other hand, receives its strength and charisma from a divine being and transports this to its listeners. For these guys, the love of worship and the sense of spirituality uplifts them.

To each his own, and in this case, it does not matter if you look inward, outward or upward. The idea is to acknowledge the power of all music forms and realize why it is necessary for society to deal with them. For society is hardly one entity.



TAKE 6

The Scorpions play international arena

by Sarah Western

It is fitting the last article I write for The GW Hatchet is about the first band I ever loved. But over time they changed and I changed, and now the Scorpions are just a warm, familiar ring in the back of my ear.

But not to all. To guitarist Rudolf Schenker, "We have seen many waves coming, but the rock is still in the ocean. Rock music made by hand, made by heart, by soul. That's what it is."

On July 1 the Scorpions came to Merriweather Post Pavilion to a crowd much smaller than in the past. But when you take into consideration the music that's fashionable now, the fact that even 2,000 people were there was impressive.

It was bittersweetly obvious that the overgrown headbangers were there to hear everybody's old Scorpions favorites: "Coming Home," "Rock You Like A Hurricane" and "The Zoo." We heard and enjoyed every chord, every word, every beat. But as the newer songs came screaming from the Marshalls, the passion died, the lighters fell and the beer lines got longer.

This is the Scorpions in America in 1994 — Schenker, Klaus Meine (vocals), Matthias Jabs (guitars), Herman Rarebell (drums) and new addition Ralph Rieckermann (bass).



Scorpions (l. to r.) Ralph Rieckermann, Rudolf Schenker, Herman Rarebell, Klaus Meine, Matthias Jabs

Schenker still feels America is the best place for rock 'n' roll bands, but not the kind that reigned in the '80s: "One girl on your left arm, one girl on your right arm, a nice car, a little (hair) spray and you have the perfect band," he said, quite truthfully, last week by phone.

Now he said he respects grunge for putting new blood in the rock 'n' roll system by dealing with the world and with real life situations.

It seems uncharted territory in the international arena — especially the Eastern half — is the best place for the Scorpions. When "Wind of Change" was infiltrating both Eastern and Western minds, Mikhail Gorbachev invited the Scorpions to meet with him.

"Gorbachev invited us because of the music, because we made the soundtrack of his politics," Schenker said.

For the Scorpions, this seemed logical. "We grew up 300 km from the border of East Germany. We were very close to the point where you never know what's coming next," Schenker said.

This fear made them a prime candidate to face what had been a fear in another situation.

At the beginning of their current tour, the Scorpions played in Romania and Bulgaria — a first for all three. The band was in a press conference when a man stood up and said, "Two years ago there were two guys who had to go to jail, and do you know why? They were listening to your music. The government found out and put them in jail," Schenker recalled.

These experiences give the Scorpions fuel for their writing, so it follows that music is communication to them. "Even with the Beatles, I didn't understand the words, but I understood the message and I think that's the most important."

The band wants to play on the China Wall next year, Schenker said. For the Scorpions, who may as well be the international ambassadors of rock, this could be as easy as a trip to the Kremlin.



Wu-Tang Clan

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Swope encountered another legal problem when he ordered officers to ride along on the District's garbage trucks and pick up the homeless people's encampments. The homeless people hired an attorney and forced him to stop. "As trashy as that stuff seems, they do claim it's theirs," he said.

Many people complained of a parti-

cular homeless man living on the sidewalk, saying they were afraid to walk down the block with him living there.

David Itkin, a National Law Center graduate, argued that most homeless people are harmless, including the man on a nearby sidewalk. "He survived the winter, he has a teddy bear, he sells flowers," he said. "Anyone afraid to walk past him is saying more about themselves than they are saying about him."

"We don't want to find out the hard way which ones are safe and which ones aren't," Lauda responded.

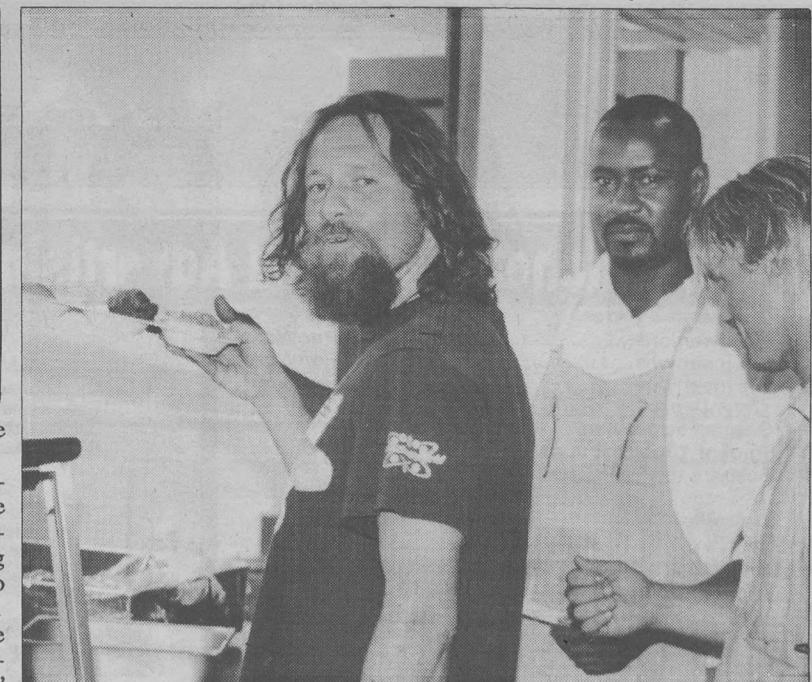
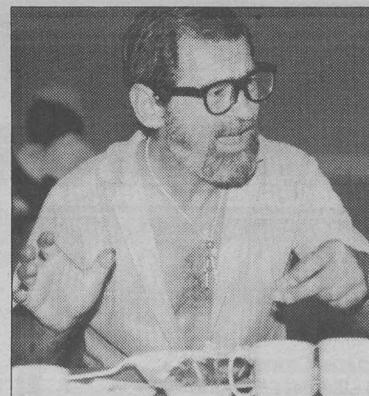
some of the requests of community members by requiring patrons to arrive and leave within a regulated time frame.

Hufford added that the attack represents the inadequacies of mental health facilities rather than a fault of Miriam's.

"The potential for some of these men to become violent is beyond the scope of Miriam's Kitchen," Hufford said. "We just feed people."

Miriam's feeds 150 homeless people, mostly men, weekday mornings. It operates under a temporary injunction granted by D.C. District Judge Stanley Sporkin. The city has recommended that

the District, not the courts, decide Miriam's future.



photos by Abdul El-Tayef

Miriam's Kitchen volunteers — 25 percent of whom are GW students — serve hot meals to the homeless.

Miriam's

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and the attack will not force Miriam's to close.

"Those of us who do choose to love and care for (mentally ill and homeless people) put ourselves at some personal risk," the letter stated.

Miriam's, which moved in May along with the church from 1906 H St., meets

ANC discord plagues organization efficacy

by Douglas Parker

Asst. News Editor

A small stream used to run through Foggy Bottom, but the stream kept growing until it became a river: the George Washington River. Instead of using the river as a resource, residents decided to dam it off. They placed the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in the stream.

The ANC has exerted its limited influence to try to stop the University from expanding. Until recently, the ANC presented a unified front. That is, until the University, the ANC and Foggy Bottom residents were able to compromise.

The University and residents of the West End Apartments were able to compromise on Marvin Center renovations. They reached common ground with help and approval from some of the ANC commissioners, though not all of them.

This compromise was the crack in the dam of the ANC. The lake of change poured forth and the dam is collapsing. The University is developing several parking lots and expanding other buildings. As a result of the continued expansion of GW, the ANC has taken to fighting itself.

Much of the ANC's most recent meeting was consumed with fighting among the commissioners and ANC groupies, to the chagrin of the 40-person audience.

The commissioners were still in the middle of a fight that began months ago. They took their time questioning points of order and what was the appropriate use of their titles.

Instead of issuing resolutions blasting the University, the ANC is passing handwritten resolutions about themselves.

As some people in the community are finding that the University is not all bad, the ANC is collapsing on itself. When all problems are worked out among the residents and the University, what will the ANC have to oppose?

Commentary

Friday's

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was unreliable. "They closed out the students before. There is no way I can subject students to that," he said.

Jimmy Polksky, manager of World Gourmet, said his store and Ciao, which has closed in its 2000 Penn store but has incorporated with World Gourmet, were taken off the meal plan for a different reason.

Polksky said he thinks ServiceMaster cancelled the dining contracts with the delis because they are planning to sell deli-type sandwiches in the new "J Street Concourse" in the renovated Marvin Center.

Polksky said ServiceMaster "screwed" the delis by cancelling the meal plan contracts, citing the cost of the equipment to scan cards and the large share of the meal points spent at the delis that ServiceMaster took. Yates estimated the cost of the scanner around \$4,500.

Both restaurants likely will be hurt by not being renewed on the meal plan. Yates said more than half of Friday's customers are students. During the school year, business increases by \$15,000 to \$20,000 a week, he said.

Clarence Long, World Gourmet's former manager, earlier estimated that students generated 60 percent of the deli's business. But the current manager said students only comprise 15 percent of business. He said the deli plans to cater more to students next year by extending its hours.

Cushman said more vendors may be added to the meal plan. He said "every time I pick up the phone" another vendor is calling. ServiceMaster and Subway are talking about a meal plan deal, but nothing has been finalized.

The only two off-campus vendors staying on the meal plan are Milo's and Domino's. "What can I say about Milo's?" Cushman said. "It's an institution."

Students will still be able to use their meal cards at the deli at the Hillel Gerwitz Center.

Teaching

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Students come to GW as opposed to going to a comparable institution because they anticipate contact with these types of people, Trachtenberg said.

"There's an implicit promise that we make to deliver on that," he said.

Trachtenberg has much to boast about when it comes to the University's star-studded lineup, but he cannot take all the credit. Besides other contacts within the University, GW's location in the heart of the political capital of the world once again is the wooing factor, Brown said. That fact eliminates having to attract big names with even bigger paychecks.

"It was clear that what interested Abba Eban was not the money," he explained. The issue was wanting to teach and be in Washington, he said.

"I get my greatest kick out of being with minds that are in the process of being generated."

**-Lowell Weicker Jr.,
governor
of Connecticut**

Weicker said being in Washington enables him to incorporate current events into his classroom lectures.

Trachtenberg said these professors' salaries average about \$70,000, which he said is "comparable" to what a faculty member earns.

Perks are no different either, Trach-

tenberg said. Some professors stay in GW-owned townhouses and have offices and University-paid research assistants.

"Every professor negotiates a different package," Brown said.

Most of these professors run once-a-week lectures in which the topics revolve around current events and the professors' expertise rather than on textbook regurgitation.

"To see him in a class in front of me made my career decision more real to me," said junior Ellen Bienstock, who took an international affairs course with Eban, last year's Shapiro Professor of International Affairs.

She said Eban, who returns in the fall periodically to speak as the Wellings Professor, "gave his lectures as if someone hired him to speak as a lecturer." By mid-semester, students were comfortable being in the same room as this world-famous ambassador.

But that's not to say Eban became less of a star. During the last class, for instance, students asked him to autograph copies of their midterm exams.

SPORTS

Nets draft Dare in first round

Physique, raw talent of former Colonial attract New Jersey

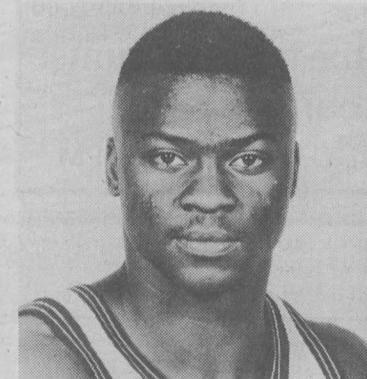
by Deanna Reiter
Acting Sports Editor

Former Colonial basketball player Yinka Dare heads to New Jersey after the Nets picked him in the first round of the NBA draft.

Dare, the 6-10 1/2 center from Kabba, Nigeria, will join Nets' power forward Derrick Coleman on their front line. He also will add depth to the team's veteran centers, Benoit Benjamin and Dwayne Schintzius as the draft's 14th overall pick from the June 29 lottery.

Dare told New York Newsday that he was surprised the Nets chose him. Although he worked out for Nets assistant coach Paul Silas, the team never brought Dare in for an interview.

Dare is expected by Nets General Manager Willis Reed to grow and develop with the team and to be used as their big man for the future.



"...I have been playing and improving every day."

Yinka Dare

"Hopefully I'm a missing piece to the puzzle they have," Dare told Newsday.

Throughout the year, many NBA scouts criticized Dare's limited shooting ability as well as the minimal

improvements he showed during his second season with the Colonials.

Dare has only played three years of organized basketball. He averaged 12.2 points and 10.3 rebounds in his freshman year with GW and only increased those marks to 15.4 ppg and a consistent 10.3 rpg as a sophomore.

However, he told the audience of 19,833 at the draft that he has played and improved his shooting every day and said he thinks he will make an impact in the NBA.

Dare was the fourth center to be selected at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, the site of the draft. Sharone Wright from Clemson University went to Philadelphia as the sixth pick, the University of North Carolina's Eric Montross was picked ninth by Boston and Tennessee State University's Carlos Rogers went with Seattle as the 11th pick.



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